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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4866

INFO AMCONSUL BIEN HOA

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SUBJECT: GVN ANNOUNCES LIST OF PROMINENT CIVILIAN PRISONERS TO BE
RELEASED TO PRG

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. AT DAILY PRESS BRIEFING JULY 19, GVN SPOKESMAN BUI BAO TRUC ANNOUNCED THAT EX-DEPUTY TRAN NGOC CHAU, HIS BROTHER TRAN NGOC HIEN, STUDENT LEADER HUYNH TAN MAM, AND LAWYER NGUYEN LONG WOULD BE RELEASED SOMETIME NEXT WEEK TO THE COMMUNIST SIDE. THE LOCATION OF THE RELEASE "DEPENDS ON THE OTHER SIDE". TRUC STATED IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION THAT THE GVN HAS EVIDENCE THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS "WORKED FOR THE OTHER SIDE - THEY WERE CONVICTED OF WORKING FOR THE OTHER SIDE".

2. CONTRARY TO SOME PRESS REPORTS OF TRUC'S ANNOUNCEMENT, HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDE MRS. NGO BA THANH ON THE LIST. A REPORTER ASKED ABOUT HER, AND HE REPLIED: "I HAVE NO INFORMATION ABOUT HER CASE."

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3. TRUC ADDED THAT IF CHAU, HIEN, AND MAM WISH TO BE RELEASED

IN THE RVN INSTEAD OF TO THE COMMUNISTS, THEY MUST MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST, AND "IN THAT CASE OUR GOVERNEMENT WILL CONSIDER IT." HE SAID THE GVN HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ANY "OFFICIAL" REQUESTS FROM THEM FOR RELEASE WITHIN THE RVN. (NOTE: THIS CONTRADICTS INFORMATION FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT CHAU WROTE TO PRESIDENT THIEU A FEW MONTHS AGT ASKING TO STAY IN THE RVN.

SEE, FOR EXAMPLE, SAIGON 8403. THE TEXT OF WHAT IS SAID TO BE CHAU'S LETTER HAS APPEARED IN A "WHITE BOOK" ON CIVILIAN PRISONERS ISSUED BY OPPOSITION DEPUTY HO NGOC NHUAN. A SIMILAR LETTER SUPPOSEDLY FROM MAM IS IN THE SAME PUBLICATION. EMBASSY HAS TEXT OF "WHITE BOOK" AND WILL TRANSMIT SIGNIFICANT PORTIONS, INCLUDING CHAU'S AND MAM'S ALLEGED LETTERS, AS SOON AS TRANSLATED.)

4. COMMENT: THE OMISSION OF MRS. THANH FROM THE ABOVE

LIST MAY CONFIRM THE INFORMATION GIVEN US RECENTLY BY THE PRIME MINISTER THAT SHE WILL DEFINITELY NOT BE TURNED OVER TO THE PRG. SEE SAIGON 12259.
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